

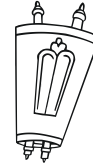
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SHAVUOT NEWSLETTER

SATURDAY EVENING JUNE 11

Talmud class	7:05 P.M.
Mincha	8:05 P.M.
Maariv	9:05 P.M.

SUNDAY JUNE 12

Schachris	8:45 A.M.
Mincha & Maariv	8:05 P.M.

MONDAY JUNE 13

Schachris	8:45 A.M.
Yizkor	10:30 A.M.
Mincha & Maariv	8:10 P.M.

TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT

Our Bais Hamidrash will again be open for individual and group study. This universal practice emphasizes the importance of Torah study and practice on the night commemorating the giving of The Torah with its moral implications to us, and through us to the entire world.

THE PENETRATION OF TORAH

Our holiday celebrates among other things the giving of the Torah in the form of the "Ten commandments". The Torah reports that the tablets were inscribed miraculously on both sides.

What is the purpose of this miracle? Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch has an incisive comment. The Torah behavior and its concepts must not grip us merely superficially which which would be the case if the writing was found merely on one side; rather it must take hold of us thoroughly. As he put it "Let yourself be penetrated through and through from all sides with the Divine word!".

As we continue unfortunately to hear of ostensibly "Torah Jews" involved in ethical and other lapses of propriety, let us work on incorporating this lesson in our children and adults whether in the realm of the spiritual or interpersonal relations.

*Chag Samaach,
Rabbi Ari Kagan*

FROM THE SISTERHOOD

The giving of the Torah was an awesome event. Moshe our teacher tells us not to fear, meaning as an end unto itself. Hashem wants us to fear Him in order that we not sin.

Have a Happy and Healthy Shavuot!

WITHIN THE SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MAZEL TOV

To Mr. & Mrs. Sosland on the graduation of grandson, Edward, from University of Connecticut.
To Mr. & Mrs. Zielinski on the bris of son, Aviv Tzvi.